



OFFICE OF MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor ("Mayor's Office"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received in our offices on July 29, 2019, in which you state:

This is a follow up to a previous request: Please narrow my request down to the year 2000 and on.

(Your previous request that you reference in your July 29, 2019 request above):

The records that I am seeking are those agreements that were created to satisfy the statutory requirements from (5 ILCS 220/) Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and other acts which include references to intergovernmental agreements, their creation, or maintenance. Of note, (5 ILCS 220/3.2). I am not sure how much further narrowing you'll need, as these are standard agreements throughout Illinois that should be readily available to maintain statutory requirements.

Your FOIA request is unduly burdensome, as the timeframe you have provided of 19 years is too large. Please note that the records you seek would be interspersed within numerous projects. Reviewing each project within the nearly two-decade timeframe that you have provided in order to obtain the information that you seek would place undue burden on this office's staff and resources.

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

Therefore, it is necessary for your request to be narrowed. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me and I will assist you. Otherwise, as explained above, we will be unable to respond to your current request.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Mayor's Office will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,
/s/ Anjali Julka
FOIA Officer